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1. THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CORRIGENDUM TO ITS NOTE (ED/EC/74/16) SUMMARIZING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ECONADS ON RECENT FLUCTUATIONS IN SOVIET OIL AND GAS DELIVERIES (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DELETE PARAGRAPH 8 AND REPLACE BY THE FOLLOWING:

"8 THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING ON 7TH FEBRUARY STATED THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HE HAD THE MAIN IMPORTER OF SOVIET OIL IN FRANCE (ABOUT 1.5 MILLION TONS IN 1973), DECLARED THAT LAST YEAR THE RUSSIANS HAD NOT CANCELLED ANY CONTRACT. AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN ALMOST FULLY CARRIED OUT BUT SOME UNAVOIDABLE
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TRANSPORT PROBLEMS HAD CREATED A FEW DIFFICULTIES. IN 1974 THE SITUATION IS CHANGED; THE RUSSIANS HAVE REFUSED TO SELL TO FRANCE AT THE OLD PRICES; IN THIS RESPECT REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE LARGE DISCREPANCY GETWEEN THE REGULATED DOMESTIC FRENCH PRICES AND

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THE EUROPEAN PRICES."

DELETE PARAGRAPH 14 AND REPLACE BY THE FOLLOWING:

"14. THE DANISH REPESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE HAS INFORMED THE CHAIRMAN THAT IN THE PERIOD JANUARY/NOVEMBER 1973 THE SUPPLIES OF OIL PRODUCTS (GAS OIL, DIESEL AND FUEL OIL), AMOUNTED TO 836,000 TONS AGAINST 665,000 TONS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1972 AND 581,000 TONS FOR THE WHOLE OF 1971. HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE BEE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY

ASSURED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL MAINTAIN THE USUAL DELIVERIES TO ITS TRADITIONAL CUSTOMERS.

ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION DANISH IMPORTERS HAVE ENTERED INTO CONTRACTS COVERING SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIES FOR 1974: PART OF THE PURCHASED OIL IS USUALLY RE-EXPORTED. THERE HAS BEEN NO IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE SOVIET UNION."

ADD PARAGRAPH 15

"15. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM FROM THE SOVIET BLOC IN 1973 AMOUNTED TO 233,300 METRIC TONS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND 180,000 TONS OF CRUDE AND PROCESSED OILS."

ADD PARAGRAPH 16

"16. THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE DECLARED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS DELIVERING OIL ON A REGULAR BASIS AND THAT NO PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN IN THAT CONNECTION."

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